

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT
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Dear Reader:

Enclosed is revised Federal Circuit Rule 47.3, effective September 1, 2006, which should be inserted into the RULES OF PRACTICE dated May 1, 2006.

The change to Federal Circuit Rule 47.3 applies to attorneys representing the government. The rule has been revised to provide that government officials who are listed on a brief in their ex officio capacity by reason of their status as supervisor or head of an office need not enter an appearance.

Suggestions regarding the court's Rules of Practice should be submitted to:

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Sincerely yours,

Jan Horbaly

Federal Circuit Rule 47.3

Rule 47.3. Appearance

- (a) **Party and Amicus Curiae Must Be Represented; Pro Se Party; Attorney of Record; Of Counsel.** An individual (not a corporation, partnership, organization, or other legal entity) may choose to be represented by counsel or to represent himself or herself pro se, but may not be represented by a nonattorney. An individual represented by counsel, each other party in an action, each party seeking to intervene, and each amicus curiae must appear through an attorney authorized to practice before this court and must designate one attorney as the principal attorney of record. Any other attorney assisting the attorney of record must be designated as “of counsel.” Every attorney named on a brief must enter an appearance, except that the filing of an entry of appearance does not apply to government officials who, by reason of their status as supervisors or heads of offices, are listed on briefs in their ex officio capacity. Documents that are sent by the court will be sent only to the principal attorney of record.